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Mail Stop Amendment

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REPLY TO ACTION OF MAY 18, 2004

In reply to the Office Action of May 18, 2004, Applicant submits the following remarks.

Claims 1-20 stand rejected for obviousness-type double patenting over U.S. Patent No. 6,676,717. A terminal disclaimer is enclosed.

Applicants respectfully traverse the Examiner's characterization that "there is no difference" between the claim limitations.

Claims 21-26 are allowed.

Enclosed is a \$420 check for the Petition for Extension of Time fee. Please apply any other charges or credits to deposit account 06-1050.

Respectfully submitted,

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